THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) India had, on October 22, 2003, *inter alia*, proposed to Pakistan the commencement of a bus service between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad. The technical level discussions that were scheduled to be held in Islamabad on April 8-9, 2004 were postponed after mutual consultations. The issue was also raised during the meeting of Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan on June 27-28, 2004 in New Delhi. Technical discussions would be necessary for operationalising the proposed service.

Depiction of Junagarh and Manavadar as part of Pakistan in a Pakistani publication

947. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has published a booklet named "Pakistan Basic Facts" wherein the parts of Gujarat has been shown as part of Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to see that those parts of Junagarh and Manavadar do not become a point of dispute and the Pakistan do not publish such matter which create controversies;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Gujarat has written to the Prime Minister in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Pakistani textbooks and documents are known to contain several inaccuracies and distortions about India and its international boundaries.

Chief Minister of Gujarat had written to Prime Minister in this regard.

Pakistan is well aware of India's firm and consistent position and the reality that Junagarh and Manavadar are an integral part of India.